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Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested.

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ATTACHMENT A - MARKED-UP VERSION OF SPECIFICATION

This is an attachment showing the marked-up version of the Specification.

In the Specification

Rewrite the paragraph starting at page 6, line 6 and ending at page 6, line 15 as follows:

--   Incidentally, a computer displaying the graphical user interface makes the flag of a usable function on the graphical user interface at that time to indicate an enabled state, and makes the flag of an unusable function to indicate a disabled state. In the present embodiment, in the initial state, the flags of only the scan function and the print function are made to indicate the enabled state, and the flags of the copy function and the fax function are made to indicate the disabled state. --.

Rewrite the paragraph starting at page 14, line 24 and ending at page 15, line 12 as follows:

--   After the web server 31 executed the processing of Fig. 10 that will be described later, the client computer receives the transmission of the inhibition of use from the web server 31 (Step S55). Then, the client computer changes the flag of the function from the enabled state to the disabled state, and further the client computer [add] adds a x mark on the button indicating the copy function on the graphical user interface as shown in Fig. 11 (Step S56). Then, the client computer completes the present process.

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By the process of Fig. 9, the user can automatically discontinue the payment of the price for the permission of the web server 31 to use the function that has remained <u>and</u> not been used for more than one month, and further the user can easily know the fact that it became impossible to use the function. --.

Rewrite the paragraph starting at page 15, line 19 and ending at page 15, line 27 as follows:

--   Fig. 10 is a flowchart of <u>the</u> process on the side of the web server 31 corresponding to Step S53 and Step S55 in Fig. 9.

The web server 31 detects the existence of access from the client computer to the function addition URL (Step S62), and the web server 31 detects which <u>is</u> a request from the client computer[is], the request for the start of use or the request for the end of use (Step S63). --.

Rewrite the paragraph starting at page 17, line 8 and ending at page 18, line 2 as follows:

--   According to the processes shown in Fig. 8 to Fig. 10, when a month has passed while the user has remained not using the copy function and the user had paid the price for the use of the copy function (the case where the answer to the question at Step S35 in Fig. 8 is yes), the client computer accesses the function addition URL in the web server 31 (Step S52 in Fig. 9) to end the charging to the function remained <u>and</u> not being used for more than one month (the copy function) by the month (Step S68 in Fig. 10). Consequently, it can be prevented that the user unnecessarily pays the price for the

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function that has not been used.

Moreover, it is needless to say that the present invention can be applied to a case where the method for the automatic charging of the aforesaid embodiments is realized by the supply of the record medium storing a program module of the software for the execution of the method to a system or an apparatus. In this case, the program module [read] reading from the record medium itself realizes the novel functions of the invention, and the record medium storing the programs constitutes the present invention. --.

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